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Debtor: Highland Capital Management, L.P. **District:** Northern District of Texas Dallas Division

Voter Certification:

Surgent, Thomas 4441 Beverly Drive Highland Park, TX 75205

Title:

*subject to the reservation of rights set forth in the objection to Plan filed 1-5-2021

By:

Thomas Surgent*

Phone:

(972) 339-8899

Email:

thomas.surgent@gmail.com

Name (Signature):

Thomas Surgent

Ballot Response(s):

CHECK ONE BOX below to vote to ACCEPT or REJECT the Plan.

No Response

I hereby elect to reduce my Claim and to receive the treatment provided to a Class 7 Convenience Claim.

Response: Yes

Address or Contact Change:

Time Submitted:

1/5/2021 1:15:55 PM Pacific Time

Plan:

Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.

Class:

8 - General Unsecured Claims

EXHIBIT SE40



IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re: HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., Debtor. 1

Chapter 11, Case No. 19-34054-sgj11

¹The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT

BALLOT FOR ACCEPTING OR REJECTING THE FIFTH AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

CLASS 8 BALLOT – General Unsecured Claims

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED VOTING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE BALLOT.

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for submitting a vote to accept or reject the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. [Docket No. 1472] (as may be amended or modified, the "Plan"). All capitalized terms used in this ballot (the "Ballot"), including in the voting instructions attached to this Ballot (the "Voting Instructions"), but not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan.

On November 24, 2020, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") entered an Order [Docket No. 1476] approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.* (as may be modified or amended) (the "Disclosure Statement") as containing adequate information and authorized the above-captioned debtor (the "Debtor") to transmit the Disclosure Statement, Plan and this Ballot to holders of claims and equity security interests entitled to vote on the Plan.

The Plan can be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and thereby made binding on an impaired class if it is accepted by the holders of at least two-thirds in dollar amount and more than one-half in number of claims that actually vote in the class of claims voting on the Plan and more than half of the equity security interests that actually vote on the Plan. In the event the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nevertheless confirm the Plan if the Bankruptcy Court finds that the Plan accords fair and equitable treatment to the class or classes rejecting it and otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy

BALLOTS CAST BY FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

This Ballot must be received by Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (the "Balloting Agent") by 5:00 p.m. prevailing Central Time, on or before January 5, 2021 (the "Voting Deadline"), unless the Debtor or the Bankruptcy Court extends the period during which votes will be accepted by the Debtor, in which case the term "Voting Deadline" shall mean the last time and date to which such date is extended. Please review the enclosed voting instructions in connection with casting your ballot or accept or reject the Plan.

Please click here to view the instructions for completing the ballot.

Item 1. Acceptance or Rejection of the Plan

The undersigned certifies that as of November 23, 2020 (the "Record Date"), the undersigned was the holder of a Class 8 General Unsecured Claim in the aggregate outstanding amount set forth below.

Voting Amount: (For voting purposes only. Subject to tabulation rules) \$1.00

CHECK ONE BOX below to vote to ACCEPT or REJECT the Plan.

NOTE: You must vote <u>all</u> of your Class 8 General Unsecured Claim <u>either</u> to accept or reject the Plan, and may <u>not</u> split such vote.

Convenience Class Election – Optional and Voluntary Election to Receive the Treatment Provided Class 7 Convenience Claims.

If your Claim is liquidated on or before the Confirmation Date, you are eligible to make the Convenience Class Election. If you are eligible and you check the box below, your Claim will be reduced to \$1,000,000 (to the extent that your claim is in excess of that amount) and you will receive the treatment provided to Class 7 Convenience Claim, which is the lesser of (a) 85% of the Allowed amount of your Claim (as reduced) or (b) your Pro Rata share of the Convenience Claims Cash Pool (\$13,150,000).

If you check the box below and elect to have your Class 8 General Unsecured Claim treated as a Class 7 Convenience Claim; (i) your vote on this Ballot to accept or reject the Plan will still be tabulated as a vote in Class 8 with respect to the Plan, but your Claim (as reduced) will receive the treatment afforded to Class 7 Convenience Claims; and (ii) you will be giving up all

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I hereby elect to reduce my Claim and to receive the treatment provided to a Class 7 Convenience Claim.

Yes

Item 2. Certification

By signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies with respect to the claim(s) identified in Item 1, above, that:

- (i) such person or entity is the holder of the aggregate amount of the Class 8 General Unsecured Claim(s) set forth in Item 1 herein or is an authorized signatory, and has full power and authority to vote to accept or reject the Plan;
- (ii) such person or entity has received and reviewed a copy of the Disclosure Statement and the Plan, the Ballot and other solicitation materials and documents related thereto, and acknowledges that the solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan is being made solely pursuant to the statements and conditions set forth therein;
- (iii) such person or entity has cast the same vote on every Ballot completed by such person or Entity with respect to holdings of Class 8 General Unsecured Claims;
- (iv) no other Ballots with respect to the Class 8 General Unsecured Claims identified in Item 1 have been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Class 8 General Unsecured Claims, such earlier Ballots are hereby revoked;
- (v) all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the undersigned shall be binding upon the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy and legal representatives of the undersigned and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned.

If the holder entitled to vote is a corporation, please sign in corporate name by authorized officer, or if a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

Name of Voter

Surgent, Thomas

Email:

thomas.surgent@gmail.com

Title:

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the objection to Plan filed 1-5-2021

Street Address

4441 Beverly Drive Highland Park, TX 75205

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This Ballot shall not constitute or be deemed a proof of claim or equity interest, an assertion of a claim or equity interest, or the allowance of a claim or equity interest.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, OR IF YOU NEED A BALLOT OR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PLAN, DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR OTHER ENCLOSED MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT THE BALLOTING AGENT, KCC, VIA EMAIL AT HIGHLANDINFO@KCCLLC.COM AND REFERENCE "HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P." IN THE SUBJECT LINE OR BY TELEPHONE AT TOLL FREE: (877) 573-3984, OR INTERNATIONAL: (310) 751-1829.

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO COUNT, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THE BALLOT AND RETURN IT SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY THE BALLOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE.